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Before



Karl keeping an eye on things



Karl VE3RRP, Bill VE3XT, Brad VE3XMJ, Bob VE3RVA, Norm VE3XRC, and Randy VA3OJ

Norm Supervising



Randy rigging the tower



LARC SENATE

Keith Fiske VE3JQ SK
Pat Doherty VE3PD
Dave Kimpton VE3AVS
Laurie Bridgett VE3BCD
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President - Jeff Cederwall
VE3JTD

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VE3RVA

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VE3RRP

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Nets in the Thunder Bay Area

Sunday AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ PRIZEFIGHTING (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team (CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

Monday SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

Tuesday 2M/ LARC ARES NET on VE3YQT 147.060- @ 7:00PM ET, and after this net is the new THUNDER BAY ARES DIGITAL NET on PSK31 between 1000 & 2000 WATERFALL 145.050 FM mode @ 7:30PM (usually starts after the 2m/ ares net)

Every Day The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: ve3mxj@rac.ca

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100****

144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

**Minutes from Lakehead Amateur Radio Club Meeting
Sept. 12/13**

Julie Tillbury from the Thunder Bay Police Services came to the meeting to give a presentation on the newest program being implemented by the service. It was called TBPS Zone Watch. It is collaboration between the police and private citizens to report incidents in your local community. City residents maintain a watch of their neighbourhood and report any unusual activity to police and they respond or monitor the situations reported. A few of the local amateurs already have signed up and the police are hoping for more applicants. More info can be found on the police web site www.thunderbaypolice.ca

Treasurer report was presented in Hi Q and at the meeting for the months of July and August. A show of hands indicated that the report would be accepted as printed.

Minutes of the last meeting were not available as the secretary was out of town. The minutes will be caught up for the next meeting and presented. Ares report was given by Brad Harris VE3MXJ. No activations were called. Brad reminded us of the upcoming set in Oct and will be planning to activate a number of Ares sites in Thunder Bay. Brad reported that the Tuesday evening 2meter/Ares net will continue and is looking for any one that might want to be a net control operator. Contact Brad if you might be interested.

Public Service

John Sacek VA3JMS reported that there were no Canwarn activations over the summer months. John commented on the public service activities from over the summer. Conquer the Dog and the Thunder Bay Triathlon were 2 events that were attended by local hams. Upcoming events are the Caribou Bike Ride and the Miles with the Giant marathon. John asked if there were any operators that could volunteer and that he needed a few more checkpoints filled. (*Everyone, Please take photos of our members at these events for HI-Q - Ed*)

Trailer

Bob Hansen VE3RVA reported that the trailer was put into service for the Hymers Fall Fair again this year. A group of operated at the site on HF and 2m. Lots of people stopped by and asked questions or just listened in.

Bill Unger ve3xt gave a report on the affairs of RAC. Doug McCormick VE3EFC asked Bill about the amateur exam questions and whether the changes in the exam questions have been implemented. Bill will check with Jeff Bodwin, VE4BAW RAC President and report back to the group.

Camp 807 has come and gone for another year. Members that attended the annual campout reported a good turnout and fun was had by all that attended. A question was asked about getting information on the confirmed date of next year's campout and report to the membership. This info will be looked into.

Repeater Reports

Lindo Scalese VE3NHX has confirmed that the repairs that were done at YQT were effective and suggested that the batteries be looked at in the future. Replacement batteries have been acquired and will be installed in Oct. TBR IRLP node 2000 continues to run after repairs were made. Minor internet problems at the link site seem to have been resolved. APRS digi is still running and a new antenna will be installed before the snow flies. Warren Paulson VE3FYN relayed through one of our members about the possibility of having a dedicated ARES node established and hook into the reflector with all the other northwestern ARES nodes on 9030. This topic was discussed at prior meetings and nothing came of it. Brad VE3MXJ and Karl VE3RRP volunteered to check out the details of starting the node and possible costs involved and will report their findings in the future.

Field Day

This event was held on the last weekend of June at VA3OJ's place. Despite a slow start, many contacts were made. The weather held up and a fine potluck dinner was enjoyed by all that attended. Many thanks to the many hands that made the work load light and to the people behind the scenes that cooked and provided our group with another fine meal.

Elections

Pres Jeff Cedarwall, VE3JTD asked to have his name stand. It was asked of the membership for any nominations and no one else came forward. Jeff Cedarwall will stand as president for another year. Thanks Jeff Vice President was a vacant position. Calls for nominations were put to the floor and Bob Hanson VE3RVA was nominated. Bob let his name stand and no further nominations came forth. Bob was elected as Vice President

Secretary was a position held by Jeff Cedarwall VE3JTD. Jeff asked to step down as secretary which made this position vacant. A call for nomination from the floor and Karl Hamilton was asked to take the position. Karl agreed to let his name stand. No other nominations came in and Karl was elected to the position of secretary.

Treasurer was held by Paul Curtin VA3PDC. Paul asked to step down from his position due to the fact that he will be moving in the future to southern Ontario and will not be able to fulfill his duties. Many thanks to Paul for his effort in this position. Call for nominations from the floor was made and Bill Unger VE3XT was nominated. No other nominations were made from the floor and Bill was named as the new treasurer.

Directors

Bill VE3XT and Bob VE3RVA were both directors last year and with their new duties, were unable to stand as directors. A call to the floor for nominees was put out. Brad Harris VE3MXJ and Andy Malcolm VE3INI were nominated and let their names stand. Terry Stewardson VA3LU and Lori Bedford VE3VAI were directors from last year and were not in attendance and could not be asked if they wanted to stand on as directors. No other nominees were put forth and so it was decided that the 2 members that were directors last year would be asked if they wanted to stay on. If they chose not to stand, 2 more directors would be asked for at the next meeting.

New business

None

50/50 draw Brad Harris VE3MXJ

Meeting adjourned



Thunder Bay Marathon

Weather was great for the event. We had a total of ten operators with one extra visitor from Southern Ontario Paul Caccamo VA3PC (thanks Paul) helping Randy out at CP#1



Our emergency trailer at the Thunder Bay Marathon

From Fred VE3FAL...link to some digital mode software: <http://tinyurl.com/6ue64a4>

2013 US Amateur Radio Direction Finding Competition Starts October 8

The 13th USA Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) Championships of on-foot hidden transmitter hunting gets underway in North Carolina October 8-13. Backwoods Orienteering Klub (BOK) will host the event. This year's USA Championships are being combined with the Seventh ARDF Championships of International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 2 (the Americas). An e-mail reflector is available for Q&A with the organizers as well as for coordinating transportation and arranging equipment loans. — Thanks to Joe Moell, KØOV, ARRL ARDF Coordinator

Juno Spacecraft Flyby Ham Radio Activity is Wednesday, October 9

Despite the partial US government shutdown, the NASA Juno spacecraft Amateur Radio fly-by activity Wednesday, October 9, 1800-2040 UTC, is still on, the website containing full details remains available, and the Juno team expects to be able to go forward with the experiment as planned.

"The laws of gravity have not been suspended, and the flyby will occur as planned," Don Kirchner, KDØL, a University of Iowa researcher, told ARRL. "The only effect will be that any announcements of success will come probably come from Southwest Research Institute [which has its own Say HI to Juno website] and The University of Iowa." He says some hams apparently checked the Jet Propulsion Lab/NASA Juno project website, found it unavailable, and concluded the flyby experiment had been canceled.

Juno will be flying past Earth to receive a gravity assist from our planet, putting it on course for Jupiter, and the mission has invited Amateur Radio operators around the world to say "HI" to Juno in a coordinated Morse Code transmission. If enough hams participate, Juno's "Waves" radio and plasma wave experiment should be able to detect the message.

Kirchner said he spoke with the director of the NASA Planetary Division a few weeks ago, and, he quipped, the director was "very much looking forward to announcing the discovery of intelligent life on Earth."

Kirchner stressed that maximum participation is critical to the success of the Juno ham radio experiment. Participants can receive a QSL card for contacting Juno. E-mail your call sign and mailing address.

More info
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/hijuno/>



North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for October, 2013



We are getting very close to the Annual General Meeting to be held in Hamilton on October 5. If you're nearby please stop in.

In my last Directors report I encouraged readers to send in questions and I would answer them. Dave, VE3JX availed himself of the opportunity with the following question:

"That the constitution of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (as approved by the Minister in November, 2010) be modified as follows: SECTION 8. OFFICERS

Article 10 - Removal) That the RAC President can terminate any Executive member with an appeal process to the RAC Board. The appeal by the impacted party must be filed with the Board by no later than the second next scheduled Board Meeting.

b) Any Executive officer may be removed from office at any time by a simple majority vote of the Board, which may then appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term."

Dave's question is: Why is this Constitutional amendment considered necessary, and what is the "story" behind it?

Regarding Article 10 a, if a member of the Executive chooses to do something detrimental to RAC, the President needs the authority to terminate the person in a timely manner to minimize damage to the corporation. However to allow natural justice to occur the removed person has the ability to put his case before the BoD and the termination will be overruled or confirmed. Article 10 b is simply a copy of the old Article 10 and is no change to the constitution.

The logic behind it is that the Directors are charged to protect and proactively minimize any potential damages to the corporation. A person going off on a path contrary to the goals of RAC could damage the corporations integrity or fiscal situation or and this cannot be tolerated by the BoD. This gives the President a tool to protect RAC but still allows the terminated party an appeal process. If the President is overruled he may not have the confidence of the BoD and would either resign or be removed. This would be considered on a case by case basis.

I would like to try and keep this going, got a question?

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada



Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

September 2013 Treasurers Report

Balance September 01 2013	<u>\$942.63</u>
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Income Memberships

Memberships	\$385.00
50 / 50 Draw	\$5.50

Total Income	<u>\$390.50</u>
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Expenses

Tbay Tel Cell	\$0.57
Trailer Transport to Hymers	\$56.00
September Speaker Honorarium	\$20.00

Total Expenses	<u>\$76.00</u>
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Balance September 30, 2013	<u>\$1,257.13</u>
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<u>Trailer Account</u>		
	Previous Balance	\$953.90
<u>Income</u>		
September 30 Interest		\$0.08
Total		\$953.98
<u>Expenses</u>		\$0.00
Total Expenses:		\$0.00
	Balance in Trailer Account	\$953.98

Term Account

Balance September 01 2013	\$2,029.11
Interest September 06 2013	\$0.67
Balance September 31 2013	\$2,029.78

Bill Unger

VE3XT

Treasurer

October 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 LARC Meeting ConCollege	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	 A small image of a carved pumpkin with the text "Happy Thanksgiving Canada" overlaid.					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31  A graphic featuring the words "Happy Halloween" in orange and red, with small black bats flying around it.			